receiving the procedure code at the computerized system; and

automatically prompting for at least one diagnosis code to be input into the computerized system

after receiving the procedure code.

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~~43~~. (New)

The method of claim ~~42~~ 35 wherein the user interface is a graphical user interface.

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~~44~~. (New)

The method of claim ~~43~~ 36 wherein the step of prompting for a procedure code is displaying

a list of selectable procedure codes.

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~~45~~. (New)

The method of claim ~~43~~ 36 wherein the step of prompting for at least one diagnosis code is

displaying a list of selectable diagnosis codes.

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~~46~~. (New)

The method of claim ~~42~~ 35 further comprising sending the procedure code and at least one

diagnosis code from a front-end system to a back-end system.

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~~47~~. (New)

A code driven front-end point of care data collection computer system for medical billing

comprising:

means for prompting a care provider to input a procedure code;

means for receiving the procedure code; and

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means for automatically prompting a care provider to input at least one diagnosis code after

receiving the procedure code, at least one diagnosis code associated with the procedure code.

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~~48.~~ (New)

The code-driven front-end point of care data collection system for medical billing of

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claim ~~47~~ further comprising a means for transferring the procedure code and at least one

diagnosis code to a back-end system.

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~~49.~~ (New)

The code-driven front-end point of care data collection system for medical billing of

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claim ~~47~~ further comprising a means for associating the procedure code and at least one

diagnosis code with a patient record.

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~~50.~~ (New)

A software article stored on a storage medium associated with a point of care computer,

the software article providing for point of care billing comprising:

means for graphically displaying information and prompting a user to enter information;

means for maintaining a patient record;

means for associating at least one patient procedure code with the patient record;

means for associating a facility where care is performed with the patient record; and

means for associating a place of service within the facility with the patient record.

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51. (New)

The software article of claim 50 wherein the place of service is the location of the point of care computer.

52. (New)

The software article of claim 51 wherein the place of service is the location of the point of care computer at a time of service.

53. (New)

The software article of claim 50 wherein the means for associating the facility where care is performed with the patient record is a means for allowing the user to selectively associate the facility where care is performed with the patient record.

54. (New)

The software article of claim 50 wherein the means for associating the facility where care is performed with the patient record is a means for automatically associating the facility where care is performed with the patient record based on a network location of the point of care computer.

55. (New)

The software article of claim 50 wherein the means for associating the place of service within the facility with the patient record is a means for allowing the user to selectively associate the place of service within the facility with the patient record.

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56. (New)

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The software article of claim 50 wherein the means for associating the place of service within the facility with the patient record is a means for automatically associating the place of service within the facility with the patient record based on a network location of the point of care computer.

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57. (New)

A software article stored on a storage medium accessible by a point of care computer, the software article providing for point of care billing comprising:

a graphical user interface capable of displaying information and prompting a user to enter information;

at least one patient record;

at least one patient procedure code field relating to at least one patient record;

a facility field relating to the patient procedure code field; the facility field containing information identifying a facility where care is performed; and

a place of service field relating to the patient procedure code field, the place of service field containing information identifying a place of service within the facility where care is performed.

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58. (New)

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The software article of claim 57 wherein the place of service is the location of the point of care computer.

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59. (New)

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The software article of claim 58 wherein the place of service is the location of the point of care computer at a time of service.

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60. (New)

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The software article of claim 57 wherein the information identifying the facility where care is performed is input by the user.

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61. (New)

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The software article of claim 57 wherein the information identifying the facility where care is performed is automatically determined based on the network location of the point of care computer.

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62. (New)

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The software article of claim 57 wherein the information identifying the facility where care is performed is input by the user.

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63. (New)

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The software article of claim 57 wherein the information identifying the place of service within the facility where care is performed is automatically determined based on the network location of the point of care computer.

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~~64~~. (New)

A method for point of care billing using a point of care computer comprising:

associating a place of service for health care with a location of the point of care computer.

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~~65~~. (New)

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The method of claim ~~64~~ further comprising associating a facility where care is performed

with the location of the point of care computer.

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~~66~~. (New)

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The method of claim ~~64~~ further comprising computing a bill for a patient procedure, the

procedure performed at a location associated with the point of care computer at the time the

patient procedure is input into the point of care computer.

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~~67~~. (New)

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The method of claim ~~64~~ wherein the step of associating the place of service for health

care with a location of the point of care computer comprises associating a network location of the

point of care computer with a physical location; and associating the physical location with the

place of service.